

Kansas Schools Confirm Recruiting Visits of CIA

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Universities in Kansas have confirmed the fact that recruiting teams from the U.S. government's Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) regularly visit their campuses to interview students as prospective analysts and agents.

Wichita State University, Kansas State University and the University of Kansas all reported CIA representatives have been at their schools sometime this school year.

ALL THREE universities indicated students show a lively interest whenever the CIA men visit the campus.

"I think they're living the

007 phase'," commented Don Jordon, director of placement at Wichita State University. "They see themselves as a James Bond character."

"Actually, there's a lot of very routine work to be done, a lot of paper-pushers in the agency, but the kids don't see it that way," Jordon added.

HE SAID a CIA recruiter interviewed students on campus last November and indicated he would be back again next fall.

"We had the biggest turnout of students we've had for any employment representative. He was to be here two days, but had so many interviews that he stayed two and a half," Jordon said. About 35 students

talked in private to the CIA recruiter.

The recruitment program of the super spy agency recently gained national attention when a small group of students at Grinnell College, Iowa, picketed a CIA man on the campus.

THE STUDENTS displayed posters asking what the CIA is doing in Viet Nam, Indonesia, and the Dominican Republic. One sign said, "Where there is an invisible government there is no democracy."

Shortly after the picketing incident, Col. Stanley J. Grogan, an assistant to CIA director Adm. William F. Raborn, admitted the college recruitment campaign had been going on since the agency was created 20 years ago, after World War II, out of the old Office of Strategic Services.

"We want good people," Col. Grogan told Associated Press correspondent John M. Hightower, "We're out looking for them."

Roland Swalm, director of placement at Kansas State University, said CIA representatives usually visit that school twice a year, each semester. One was on campus three days last fall.

"We have 600 companies or agencies visit the university every year," he said. "The CIA is interested only in very high caliber people—the best, sharpest men."

Mrs. Gladys Padget, placement director of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas, reported a CIA man interviewed students there for three days in January.

"And there is someone here now from the NSA (National Security Agency)," she said in a telephone conversation with The Eagle.

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